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Per our telephone conversation, I have included herein amended independent claims 1, 13, and 25 which include limitations from dependent claims 12, 24, and 36, respectively. As discussed, please make an Examiner's amendment incorporating these amended claims 1, 13, and 25 into the application, and cancel claims 12, 24, and 36 without prejudice.

Thank you.

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- 1 1. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for providing a
- 2 shared window for entering commands into a local computer system, wherein the
- 3 shared window can be shared with a remote user who can input data into the
- 4 shared window from a remote computer system subject to access control, the
- 5 method comprising:
 - 6 receiving a command from the remote user on the remote computer
 - 7 system at run time, wherein the command is in the form of an action applied to a
 - 8 graphical user interface;
 - 9 wherein the command is directed toward the local computer system in
 - 10 order to operate the local computer system;
 - 11 passing the command through a filtering process;
 - 12 if the command passes the filtering process, executing the command on
 - 13 the local computer system;
 - 14 displaying the command on the shared window on the local computer
 - 15 system so that a local user can view the command;

16 allowing the command to be displayed on a remote copy of the shared
17 window on the remote computer system, so that the remote user can view the
18 command;
19 allowing a user of the local computer system to edit and complete the
20 command received from the remote user at run time; and
21 if the user of the local computer completes the command, allowing the
22 command to execute on the local computer system;
23 otherwise, not allowing the command to execute on the local computer.

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1 13. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing
2 instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform a
3 method for providing a shared window for entering commands into a local
4 computer system, wherein the shared window can be shared with a remote user
5 who can input data into the shared window from a remote computer system
6 subject to access control, the method comprising:

7 receiving a command from the remote user on the remote computer
8 system at run time, wherein the command is in the form of an action applied to a
9 graphical user interface;

10 wherein the command is directed toward the local computer system in
11 order to operate the local computer system;

12 passing the command through a filtering process;

13 if the command passes the filtering process, executing the command on
14 the local computer system;

15 displaying the command on the shared window on the local computer
16 system so that a local user can view the command;

17 allowing the command to be displayed on a remote copy of the shared
18 window on the remote computer system, so that the remote user can view the
19 command;

20 allowing a user of the local computer system to edit and complete the
21 command received from the remote user at run time; and

22 if the user of the local computer completes the command, allowing the
23 command to execute on the local computer system;

24 otherwise, not allowing the command to execute on the local computer.

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1 25. (Currently amended) An apparatus that provides a shared window for
2 entering commands into a local computer system, wherein the shared window can
3 be shared with a remote user who can input data into the shared window from a
4 remote computer system subject to access control, the apparatus comprising:
5 a receiving mechanism that is configured to receive a command from the
6 remote user on the remote computer system at run time, wherein the command is in
7 the form of an action applied to a graphical user interface;
8 wherein the command is directed toward the local computer system in order
9 to operate the local computer system;
10 a filtering mechanism that is configured to pass the command through a
11 filtering process, and to execute the command on the local computer system if the
12 command passes the filtering process;
13 a display mechanism that is configured to display the command on the
14 shared window on the local computer system so that a local user can view the
15 command;
16 wherein the display mechanism is configured to allow the command to be
17 displayed on a remote copy of the shared window on the remote computer system,
18 so that the remote user can view the command;
19 wherein the filtering mechanism is further configured to allow a user of the
20 local computer system to edit and complete the command received from the remote
21 user at run time;
22 wherein the filtering mechanism is further configured to allow the command
23 to execute on the local computer system if the user of the local computer completes
24 the command; and
25 wherein the filtering mechanism is further configured to not allow the
26 command to execute on the local computer system if the user of the local computer
27 does not approve the command.